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SINCE I UNDERSTAND MCCLOY HAS NOW REPORTED TO PRESIDENT, I WOULD HOPE I COULD RECEIVE SUCH AUTHORITY SOONEST.

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